

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.-6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) A method for preparing a virally safe Factor VIII solution, the method comprising:

filtering a solution comprising Factor VIII through nanometric filters having a pore size of 13 nm to 25 nm;

assaying the filtrate to determine the residual content of high multimerization von Willebrand Factor (vWF); and ~~correlating the residual content of high multimerization vWF with viral safety~~

wherein the content of vWF hexadecamers and higher multimers is at least 2% in the filtrate.

8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 7, wherein the step of assaying the filtrate includes verifying that the content of vWF decamers and higher multimers is 15 % or less.

9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 7, wherein a vWF decamer and higher multimer content of 15 % or less indicates that the titre reduction factor of a virus having a size diameter of 24 nm to 30 nm is 4 log or more, to about 6 log as compared with the solution before filtration.

10.-15. (Canceled)

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 7, wherein a vWF decamer and higher multimer content of 15 % or less indicates that the titre reduction factor of a virus having a size of 24 nm to 30 nm is 5 log or more, to about 6 log as compared with the solution before filtration.

17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 7, wherein a vWF decamer and higher multimer content of 15 % or less indicates that the titre reduction factor of a virus having a size of 24 nm to 30 nm is about 6 log as compared with the solution before filtration.

18. (Canceled)